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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PFOR, CG

SUBJECT: US PARTICIPATION IN KINSHASA WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM

1. BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF APRIL 24 ZAIRE EMBASSY TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING INVITATION FROM GOZ: QTE A L'OCCASION DE LA CELEBRATION DE L'ANNEE INTERNATIONALE DE LA FEMME, LES FEMMES ZAISOISES REGROUPEES AU SEIN DU MOUVEMENT POPULAIRE DE LA REVOLUTION, SE FONT UN PLAISIR D'INVITER DEUX FEMMES QUE VOTRE GOUVERNEMENT DESIGNERA A LOISIR POUR PRENDRE PART AU SYMPOSIUM DES FEMMES OU'ELLES ORGANISENT A KINSHASA DU 17 AU 20 MAI 1975 STOP NOUS SERIONS HEUREUX DE CONNAITRE DANS UN BREF DELAI LES NOMS ET LES FONCTIONS DES DELEGUEES QUE VOTRE GOUVERNEMENT DESIGNERA POUR ASSISTER AU SYMPOSIUM DE KINSHASA STOP IL EST BIEN ENTENDU QUE LES BILLETS D'AVION ALLER-RETOUR SONT A CHARGE DE VOTRE GOUVERNEMENT STOP LES FRAIS DE SEJOUR SONT A CHARGE DU ZAIRE STOP UNQTE.

2. DEPARTMENTS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR SECRETARIAT DETERMINED, AND SO INFORMED ZAIRE EMBASSY, THAT INVITATION REGRETFULLY COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR SEVERAL REASONS:

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REGRETFULLY COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED ?OPRIATE REPRESENTATION

NO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL; APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION  
COULD NOT BE SELECTED WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF SYMPOSIUM TOPICS;  
GIVEN PRIOR COMMITMENTS ELSEWHERE.

3. IN MEETING WITH CUTLER AND STRAND MAY 14, AMBASSADOR  
MBEKA EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING BUT DISAPPOINTMENT AT  
DEPARTMENT'S REPLY. HE SAID SYMPOSIUM WOULD BE ATTENDED  
BY MANY NATIONAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING CHINESE, BRITISH,  
AND FRENCH, AND THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF THERE  
WAS NO ONE PRESENT TO EXPRESS U.S. VIEWS. CUTLER  
SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF  
AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ZAIRE, AND MBEKA, WHO HAD BEEN  
THINKING ALONG SAME LINES, UNDERTOOK TO CHECK IT OUT WITH  
KINSHASA. HE INFORMED US MAY 15 THAT DEPT FON AFFAIRS  
IS "EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY".

4. IF GOZ AGREEABLE, AND IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTION, SUGGEST  
YOU DESIGNATE ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF LOCAL AMERICAN  
COMMUNITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN SYMPOSIUM. USIA AND  
CU/AF HAVE SUGGESTED THAT FULBRIGHT GRANTEE IDA ROUSSEAU  
AT UNAZA LUBUMBASHI WOULD BE WELL EQUIPPED FOR TASK OF  
THIS SORT GIVEN HER EXPERIENCE LECTURING ON WOMEN'S  
AFFAIRS AND HER FRENCH-LANGUAGE CAPABILITY. ANOTHER  
POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE U.S. FACULTY WIFE AT LUBUMBASHI  
DOING PHD RESEARCH ON ZAIRIAN WOMEN (MRS. TURNER?). IN  
CASE OF MS. ROUSSEAU, CU CAN AMEND GRANT TO COVER COST  
OF AIR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM, AND CONSULATE LUBUMBASHI  
IS AUTHORIZED TO ADVANCE MONEY USING FISCAL DATA FROM  
HER ORIGINAL GRANT. CHOICE OF PARTICIPANTS, IF ANY,  
HOWEVER, IS ENTIRELY UP TO EMBASSY.

5. WE WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE FURTHER WORD  
FROM ZAIRE EMBASSY. YOU MAY WISH CONCURRENTLY TO SEEK  
CLARIFICATION FROM DEPT FON AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE  
ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU AGREE THAT PARTICIPATION WOULD BE  
DESIRABLE. KISSINGER

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